# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

#### October 2019 Newsletter

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#### Autumn Greetings!

Celebrate the season with RVAA at our next meeting Wednesday, October 23,2019, 7:15 p.m., Room B at the Somerset County Library for a most unusual demo by Patricia Farley, painting on gourds! You'll love it, and be inspired as well.

Patricia worked for Eastern Airlines for 20 years, Chubb Insurance 18 years, and now retired; she devotes her time to creating, and displaying in libraries and shows, beautiful pieces of art. Patricia says "I have always loved arts and crafts. I have made porcelain dolls



and mohair bears for many years. I started applying my art and crafts to gourds about 15 years ago, and am trying to bring an exciting art medium to New Jersey. I found that dried gourds are a three-dimensional canvas that you can paint, etch, carve, burn, stitch, embellish, and add basketry to. Gourds are a wonderful medium where you can let your imagination flow. I have traveled to numerous states for gourd festivals where I have taken and taught classes. "







You don't want to miss this unique artist demo! 7:15 p.m. Wed. October 23!

September 25<sup>th</sup> RVAA members enjoyed Diana Kung's Chinese brush painting exhibit. Two Koi in a pond came alive before our eyes.







## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy fall! Looking forward to seeing you....

### OPPORTUNITIES

<u>The Farmstead Arts Center</u> invites artists to submit work for our **winter** exhibit this November. Theme: All things related to winter. **Exhibit dates**: November 10 - December 15

Drop Off: November 3 (1-4 pm) and November 5 (11-1 pm)

Reception: Sunday, November 17, 1pm to 4pm Entrance Fee: None

**Details**: All mediums accepted. Up to three (3) submissions allowed per artist. Hanging artwork must be framed, wired, and ready for hanging.

Gallery Agreement deadline: Monday, October 28

More information: Please see Gallery Agreement. Contact Taya Ros, Director, at 908/636-7576 or <u>admin@farmsteadarts.org</u> The show is limited to 10 artists. If you have exhibited at Farmstead Arts Center in the past, you are welcome to return with work that has not been shown at Farmstead Arts Center in the last 6 (six) months.

News from the Zimmerli Art Museum NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS!

Day Trip to New York City Neue Galerie and the Metropolitan Museum of Art Thursday, November 14, 8:15am to 5pm Also, the Zimmerli is offering Music at the Museum Home is Where... Sunday, October 20 / 1:30 to 3:30pm (Discussion: 1:30pm; Concert: 2pm; Tour: 3pm) As the most intimate of musical art forms, chamber music is a medium in which composers have often turned to express a personal connection to their homeland. Nostalgia, praise, and even heartache resonate through works by composers from a variety of eras. This monthly weekend concert series features classical and jazz musicians from the faculty of Rutgers Community Arts (formerly Mason Gross Extension Division.) Performers include Michelle Grondin Gergich, flute, and Leighann Narum, guitar. Seating is limited and available on a first come first served basis. Visit the webpage for program details.

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**LINDA ARNOLD** had her painting "Angst" accepted into the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Juried Exhibition of the New Jersey Water Color Society, and is in the Juried Tewksbury Historical Society Art Exhibit.

WILLIAM GILBERT was accepted into the Juried Tewksbury Historical Society Art Exhibit which runs Saturday, October 12 through Sunday, October 20.

**JUDITH HUMMER** did a demo October 8 for the Pascack Art Association meeting in the Township of Washington, NJ. She has been accepted into the Garden State Watercolor Society Juried Open Exhibition and received the Princeton Brush Company Award for her painting entitled: "Orange You There Yet?". This show is being held at Artists of Yardley, at 949 Mirror Lake Rd, Yardley PA. Exhibition runs through Nov 3.

Judith has also been accepted into the Northeast Watercolor Society International Juried Exhibition with her painting entitled: "A Time to Remember". This show runs from Oct 22 - Nov. 3 at the Gallery at Kent Art Association, Main St, Kent, CT.

Judith will also be doing a demonstration on YUPO paper on November 8 from 2 - 4 pm for the Suburban Artist Guild. The meeting takes place at the meeting rooms at the East Brunswick Library, 2 Jean Walling Civic Center, East Brunswick. She will have a free sample of YUPO paper to hand out to attendees at the conclusion of the demonstration.

She will be a participating artist at the Alfa Gallery NBAS Watercolor and Mixed Media Exhibition from October 29 - Dec 21, 2019. Opening Reception Friday November 1, from 6:30 - 9:30pm. The Alfa Gallery is located at 108 Church St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

**DEBBIE TINTLE** had her painting "Paterson Falls" accepted into the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Juried Exhibition of the New Jersey Water Color Society.

**Inquiring minds need to know what your news is**. Our next issue will be November/December, and because your editor will be away starting November 2<sup>nd</sup>, please email your news ASAP. Thank you!

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